

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
October 16, 2007**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Lio Francisco, Julie Frazier, Ray Gamma, Jerry Marsalli,  
Steve Lee, Cynthia Owens

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Chuck Seymour (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Larry Wolfe, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Marilyn Dippell, Acting Recreation Superintendent

**GUESTS:** Balkn'shu Ghatwai, Sangita Ghatwai, Atma Singh, John Bitter

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**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:** None.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Lio Francisco.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 18, 2007– Approved as written.
- III. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – The Commission reviewed City Council actions pertaining to Parks and Recreation.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – Leadership Santa Clara information, and Wutzit Club Alumni Dance fundraiser invitation received by Commission. Commissioner Owens to consider attending Leadership 2008.
- V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS – Commissioner Marsalli reported that he has been active in working with the Santa Clara P.A.L. He presented the Commission with information regarding a Veterans Memorial commemorative coin design that the Veterans Memorial Committee is ordering to present to families of veterans.

Commissioner Frazier reported that she visited the Reed Street Dog Park.

Commissioner Gamma visited the War Memorial Playground, Dog Park, Central Park, Fire Department Open House, and has been working on the Wutzit Club Alumni Dance.

Commissioner Lee attended the Festival staff thank you lunch at the Community Recreation Center.

Commissioner Owens reported on the I.S.C. Master Plan progress and visited the Youth Soccer Park. Distributed information on the Myrtha Pool System for review.

Chair Francisco visited Civic Center Park and reported on the decrease in problems as a result of the no feeding animals ordinance in effect. He also visited the Creek Trail.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Art and Wine Festival - The Commission reviewed the revenue from the 2007 Festival and discussed donating the same amount of funds as presented in 2006 from the Festival proceeds to the selected charities at the December 11, 2007 City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Gamma, to allocate from the 2007 Festival proceeds \$13,000.00 each to the P.A.L., Santa Clara Schools Foundation, Friends of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department and \$3,000.00 each to both the Wilcox and Santa Clara High School Grad Night Committees at the December 11, 2007 City Council meeting. Passed with Commissioner Marsalli abstaining due to his being a P.A.L. Board member.

- B. Program Report - The Commission reviewed the upcoming events offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- C. Project Update – The Commission reviewed construction projects underway within the Parks and Recreation Department.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CPRS Conference - February 26-29, Long Beach – The Commission was briefed on the 2008 CPRS Conference and was asked to let the staff know if they were available to attend.
- B. Park Fees – The Commission was given the City of Sunnyvale Park Development fees for new housing construction. The Park Fees subject will be discussed at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- C. Central Park – Prohibiting Feeding of Animals proposal – The Commission discussed the health, safety, and aesthetic issues regarding the large amount of birds gathering at the Central Park Lake due in part to overfeeding by the public.

Mr. Ghatwai stated that he has not seen anyone overfeeding birds at the Central Park Lake and is in opposition to prohibiting feeding birds at the park.

The Commission postponed taking action on the matter at this time and directed staff to place it on the November 20, 2007 agenda in order to give time for additional input.

- D. December 18 meeting – Reschedule to December 11, 2007. A motion was made by Commissioner Marsalli, seconded by Commissioner Frazier, to reschedule the December 18, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to December 11, 2007. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Public Presentations – None.

- IX. Adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting, November 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Manager Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:

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Larry Wolfe  
Director of Parks and Recreation

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Lio Francisco  
Chair